

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Max Ehlert in Conference Room C.

PRESENT: David Balagna
Max Ehlert
W. Stan Godlewski
James Moseley
James Peard
Thomas Sawyer
Jennifer Gilbert, Student Representative
Sergeant George Zielinski
Marsha Livingston, Office Coordinator
Lynn McDaniel, Clerk-Typist

ABSENT: John Walker

Moved by Balagna, seconded by Moseley, to EXCUSE the absent member(s).
APPROVED unanimously

Moved by Moseley, seconded by Godlewski, to APPROVE the minutes of the October 8, 2001 meeting as printed.
APPROVED unanimously

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. **7-ELEVEN, INC.**, requests to drop **D. & G. BLATCHLEY, INC.**, as Co-Licensee and add **NISAR SIDDIQUI** as Co-Licensee with 7-Eleven, Inc. in 2001 Specially Designated Merchant (SDM_licensed business located at 2891 Crooks, Troy, MI 48084, Oakland County. [MLCC REF#132394]

Present to answer questions from the committee were Nisar Siddiqui, Co-Licensee applicant for 7-Eleven location at 2891 Crooks Road, and Pedro Hernandez, Field Consultant for 7-Eleven, Inc.

Mr. Siddiqui has been a successful franchisee in California from December, 1986 to October, 2001. In 16 years in California, he had only had one liquor violation. Mr. Siddiqui and his wife will be an active owner on premises. His employees will be adults over 21. He stated that all existing employees have been through TIPS program within the last year and any new employees hired will be put through TIPS. Mr. Siddiqui will have cash registers programmed to have birthdates entered before purchase of liquor is obtained. Mr. Hernandez stated he will be doing spot inspections at location by obtaining electronic computer printouts from cash register to scan birthdates that have been entered. Mr. Siddiqui is currently leasing a home in Troy and intends to purchase a home in Troy soon. Sgt. Zielinski stated background check on Mr. Siddiqui appears in order.

Moved by Moseley, seconded by Ehlert, to APPROVE the above request.
APPROVED unanimously

2. **Committee discussion on Liquor License limitations.**

The committee discussed options available for limiting licenses. Troy currently has 49

licenses, 47 which are active and 2 in escrow. Additional licenses will be allocated to Troy due to an increase in the population. Sgt. Zielinski furnished copies of current criteria and a map showing where current licenses are within the city. The committee would like to look at criterias from other cities similar in demographics such as Southfield, Farmington Hills, Sterling Heights.

Changing verbiage on current criteria was weighed. Care needs to be taken when changing criteria to ensure that applicants are not completely shut off but not make it too easy to obtain a license. The committee would like to put the burden on the license applicant to meet the criteria. Applicants will know exactly what is expected before they apply for a license. It was noted that there was nothing in current criteria about transfers of licenses. Criterias can be used for denials. City Council does not need to have a reason to deny or approve.

Additions to new criteria could include public notification or public forum. Residents, schools, churches, businesses within 300 feet of new or transferred license would be notified of a license application. A sign could be placed on property stating that a liquor license is being applied for at that location. Feedback from public would be important.

The committee discussed that the current criteria from 1993 needs to be enforced. Sgt. Zielinski will make sure applicants will receive the current criteria in packet.

Further discussion regarding criteria changes will continue at the December 2001 meeting.

Motion by Elhert, seconded by Godlewski, that all Class C & B license application packets include current criteria.

Moved by Ehlert, seconded by Sawyer to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
APPROVED unanimously

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